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## **Governor Gray Davis and Speaker Willie Brown Headline 2012 Tax Practitioners' Conference Hosted by Board of Equalization Chair Jerome Horton and others**

**Los Angeles** – Chairman Jerome E. Horton, The Taxation Section of the California State Bar Association, California Society of Enrolled Agents, California Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association are teaming up to host the **2012 California Tax Practitioner's Conference** at the **Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles** on **Thursday, May 24, 2012**.

"This exciting tax conference will provide California tax practitioners with information that is leading edge, practical, stimulating, and extremely valuable to enhancing compliance with the law; and to empower them to represent their clients in the most effective, efficient, and productive manner." said Chairman Horton. "The unique educational and networking opportunity will position tax practitioners and their clients for great success."

The event will bring together more than 700 tax practitioners, business owners, and government agency officials to encourage the free exchange of ideas and information on current issues and best practices of relevance to professional tax practitioners representing California businesses and clients on state and local tax law issues.

With tax laws constantly changing, Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome E. Horton wants to ensure tax practitioners are equipped with the most up-to-date information in order to provide their clients with the best service possible. Horton said this conference is absolutely vital, given the looming **\$16 billion** deficit facing this great state. He said he is determined to make the **2012 California Tax Practitioner's Conference** a great opportunity for all practitioners, business owners, and government officials to discuss key tax issues for the betterment of all Californians in light of the current fiscal crisis.

Invited guests include Governor Gray Davis, Speaker Willie Brown, Members of the State Board of Equalization and Legislature.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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